



Ana Lia

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SINGER | SONGWRITER | ACTOR

Ana Lía lights up a room. Her voice captivates audiences with its bright, rich, and warm tone, as she impersonates the soul of each song in a way that transcends spoken language. She is vibrant, effortlessly charming, and her performances a delightful blend of powerful and sweet; cute and sensual; emotional and fun.

A Dominican-Canadian, Ana Lía's childhood and adolescence in Santo Domingo, was surrounded by a diversity of music genres. Rhythmic Dominican and Latin songs, jazz, Spanish and English pop, R&B, flamenco, coplas, hip-hop, and even classical, shaped the way she crafts music today.

The first time she sang in front of an audience was at a family retreat. The MC encouraged anyone who would like to sing a hymn to go on the stage. To the surprise of the audience, it was eight-year-old Ana Lía who grabbed the mic and sang in perfect pitch and a sweet, bright voice. As she walked back to her seat, she regretted having let go off the mic.

Ana Lía's love for the performing arts was undeniable. Her parents enrolled her in acting, singing and dance classes and she started writing songs and performing for her neighbours. After graduating high school, she came to Toronto and studied at Randolph College for the Performing Arts, where she received classical vocal training and graduated in 2012 as a triple-threat artist.

After Randolph, Ana Lía studied with various renowned Flamenco vocalists from Andalusia, Spain, and performed across Ontario with top Canadian Flamenco dance companies. In March 2015, she joined the rumba-funk band Santerias as lead vocalist and performed at multiple festivals around the province, releasing their first EP album "Hurricane" in 2018.

In anticipation of her launch as a solo artist, Ana Lía is composing and producing music with two-time Dora-award-winning music composer, Benjamin Barrile. Her first single, "Abul", is scheduled to be released this summer.

SHORT BIO

Ana Lía lights up a room. Her charming, vibrant performances deliver an unmistakable experience for every audience. The singular blend of pop and Latin rhythms and her bright, rich voice, makes her music enjoyable beyond language.

As the lead vocalist for the rumba-funk band Santerias, Ana Lía has captivated audiences at multiple music festivals around Ontario for years. In 2018 they released their first EP album "Hurricane."

This summer Ana Lía will be releasing her first single, "Abul," followed by a music video. "I'm thrilled to be launching my solo career with a song that showcases some of my musical and cultural influences. As a Dominican-Canadian, I am confident my music will reach audiences around the world."

PRESS

Songs co-composed by Ana Lia and fellow members of Santerias have been featured on **CBC Radio**, in Errol Nazareth’s show: **Big City, Small World**.

Ana Lia has also been interviewed by local Hispanic radio stations like **Ondas FM** and **Voces Latinas** CHHA AM 1610.

AS A SOLO ARTIST

Toronto Guardian:

[“A Day in the Life” with Toronto creative Ana Lía Arias Garrido](#)

Pandora (Dominican Republic): [#WomanCrushWednesday](#)

[CHÉVERE NIGHTS](#) - DR’s National Talk show on primetime TV; interview starts at 1:30:43

[SILVIA MÉNDEZ ¡AHORA!](#) (Spanish)

[EL BREAK TV](#) - Women’s Day 2020 special (Spanish)

AS LEAD VOCALIST OF LATIN FUSION BAND, SANTERIAS

Toronto Hispano (HURRICANE EP RELEASE):

[Santerías lanzó nuevo disco “Hurricane” con mucho sabor y sazón](#)

Toronto Hispano (SOLIDARITY WITH SYRIA):

[Velada artística en solidaridad con Siria](#)

Latinos Magazine (HURRICANE EP RELEASE):

[Santerías: una mezcla de música hispana y Funk](#)

Telelatino (a.k.a. TLN) TV:

[Entrevista con Renzo García para “Unidos Canadá”](#)

AS A HISPANIC ARTIST for THE SHOT

Toronto Hispano:

[Ana Lía, la hispana que va por todo en el concurso musical The Shot](#)

QPASA (Press release about my participation in The Shot):

[Ana Lía, la única hispana concursando en la competencia canadiense “The Shot”](#)

Montreal Hispano:

[Ana Lía, la hispana que va por todo en el concurso musical The Shot](#)

Calgary Hispano:

[Ana Lía, la hispana que va por todo en el concurso musical The Shot](#)

AS A PERFORMER

BlogTO:

[B-Side Looking in](#)

Mooney on Theatre:

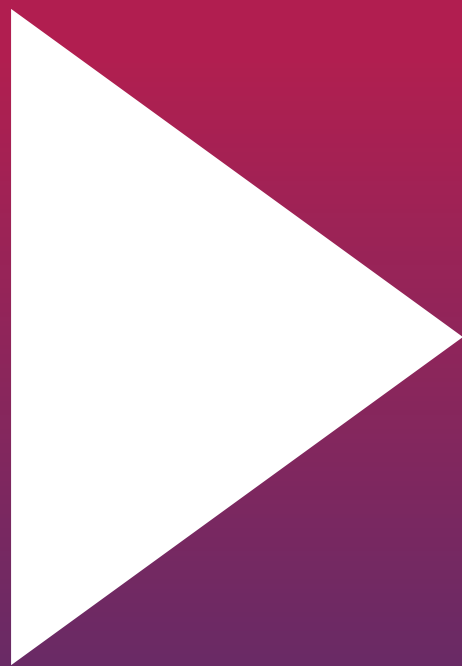
[The House of Bernarda Alba 2012 Toronto Fringe Review](#)

NOW Magazine:

[Fringe Flies High](#)



PERFORMANCE VIDEO DEMO



LIST OF NOTABLE PERFORMANCES

2020	Nueva Ola - Tablao Flamenco Toronto - Supermarket
2020	Carnaval by Scrapfest - The Hideout- Santerias
2020	Concert - Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic - Ana Lía & Benjamin Barrile
2019	B-Side: Looking In – Winchester Street Theatre
2019	Ontario Latin Arts Festival – Jazz Bistro - Santerias
2019	Salsa on St Clair (Folklore stage) - Santerias
2019	Toronto’s Ribfest - Santerias
2019	Play the Parks (by Downtown Yonge) - Santerias
2018	Oakville’s TD Songs of Summer - Santerias
2018	Carmen Restaurant Flamenco Sundays patio (1.5 month residency) - Flamenco
2018	Taste of Little Italy festival’s main stage - Santerias
2017	Flamenco Sin Límites: B-Sides - Harbourfront Centre NextSteps
2017	Aga Khan Museum – Compañía Carmen Romero - Flamenco
2017	Lunchtime Live (Concert Series by Yonge-Dundas) – Santerías
2017	Active Ontario Festival – Santerías
2017	YYZ Live Music – Santerías
2017	Beaches Jazz Latin Carnival – Santerías
2016	Vision Awards 2016 - Glenn Gould Studio CBC – Santerías
2016	Toronto’s Taste of the Danforth – Santerías
2016	Lula Lounge – Santerías
2015-2017	Toronto’s Taste of Little Italy Festival streetfest – Santerías
2015-2020	Tablao Flamenco Toronto – The Social Capital Theatre and Supermarket – Flamenco
2015	Small World Music Festival – Santerías
2015	Canada Day Round Stage Harbourfront – Santerías

SAMPLE AUDIO TRACK

ABUL - click below:



LIST OF RELEASED SONGS

- Mundo Desigual (single) - Santerias - April 21, 2017
- Hurricane (single) - Santerias - August 7, 2018
- Sabroso (single) - Santerias - September 25, 2018
- Hurricane (EP) - October 31, 2018:
 - 1. Sabroso
 - 2. Hear My Cry
 - 3. Tanto Amor
 - 4. Hurricane
 - 5. Entre tú y yo
 - 6. Mundo Desigual (remix)
- Abul - Ana Lía - August 14, 2020

LINK to music with Santerias:



LINK to music by Ana Lía:





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